

## **M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme Statutory Consultation**

### **Section 47 Planning Act 2008: Notice Publicising a Statement of Community Consultation**

#### **The Scheme**

Gloucestershire County Council is proposing to improve M5 Junction 10 to create an all-movements junction. The Scheme will reduce existing pressure on M5 Junction 11 and enable the planned development and economic growth around Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury. The Scheme includes the following key elements:

- Construction of a new all-movements roundabout junction over the M5, centred either side of the existing overbridge, which is to be demolished;
- Construction of a new link road with a segregated cycle track and footway, from the B4634 to the A4019, towards land safeguarded for key housing and employment allocations in West Cheltenham; and
- Widening of the A4019 for motorised traffic and the provision of a segregated, dedicated cycle track and footway for non-motorised traffic.

#### **Development Consent Order**

The Scheme is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. As a result, Gloucestershire County Council intends to make an application (“the application”) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Transport to authorise the construction and operation of the Scheme. We anticipate that our DCO application will be submitted in late 2022, with construction starting in 2024 if our application is successful.

Due to its nature and size, the project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017. It will therefore require an Environmental Impact Assessment under the EIA regulations and an Environmental Statement (ES) will accompany the application for a DCO.

#### **Statement of Community Consultation**

Before submitting the DCO application, in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, we must publish a document called a Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”). This sets out how we will consult with the local community about the Scheme. We must also make the SoCC available for inspection by the public and publish this notice stating where and when the SoCC can be inspected.

The SoCC can be viewed at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/J10](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/J10), on any council owned public computer or at our face-to-face events.

#### **Consultation Events**

In addition, public face to face consultation events are being held, which will be staffed to allow people to hold discussions with the project team. All face-to-face events are subject to change based on ongoing COVID-19 restrictions and venue availability. All events will be held in accordance with latest government guidelines on COVID-19.

- **Tuesday 14 December 2021, 10am – 7pm: Cheltenham West Community Fire and Rescue Station, Tewkesbury Road, Uckington, Cheltenham GL51 9SN.**

- **Saturday 15 January 2022, 10am – 5pm: Hesters Way Community Resource Centre**, Cassin Drive, Cheltenham GL51 7SU.

Virtual consultation events will also be held where there will be the opportunity to hear from the project team, ask questions and complete the survey online. Joining instructions will be made available on the Scheme website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/J10](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/J10). The virtual events will take place at the following times:

- Wednesday 15 December 2021, 7pm-8:30pm
- Thursday 13 January 2022, 2pm-3:30pm
- Saturday 29 January 2022, 2pm-3:30pm
- Wednesday 2 February 2022, 7pm-8:30pm

#### **How to share your feedback with us**

Any person may comment on the proposals. **Our consultation begins on Wednesday 08 December 2021 and all comments must be received no later than 11.59pm on Tuesday 15 February 2022.**

A feedback survey will be available as part of the consultation materials and can be completed online via our project website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/J10](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/J10). If you require assistance filling out this survey, please call Gloucestershire County Council Customer Services on 01452 426256 (Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm, excluding bank holidays).

You can also comment by:

**Consultation event:** Attending a face-to-face consultation event, where there will be the opportunity to complete a paper copy of our feedback survey.

**By post:** Request a paper copy of the survey free of charge by contacting [M5Junction10@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:M5Junction10@atkinsglobal.com). Completed paper copies can either be given to project team members at consultation events or returned by Freepost M5 JUNCTION 10.

For all other project queries, including any enquiries in relation to documents, maps and plans please email [M5Junction10@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:M5Junction10@atkinsglobal.com) or contact 01454 667900.

**Gloucestershire County Council**

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